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<p>The following dated 6th March, comes from a Lebanese source who obtained the information from a member of the MUFTI's entourage.</p> <p>i. A meeting of the following Arab leaders was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at Damascus on March 1st: Jamil Marik, Syrian Prime Minister; Riad Solh, Lebanese Prime Minister; the MUFTI; Azam Pasha, Secretary General of the Arab League; Jamal Husseini and Emile Ghouri of the Arab Higher Executive.</p> <p>ii. It was decided:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. That trusteeship was acceptable for a period not exceeding two years, provided that its specific object is the installation of a democratic Government in an independent Palestine; provided also that U.N.O. abandons the idea of partition. b. That the proposed truce should be restored and attacks on the Jews should be continued, unless U.N.O. fulfills the above conditions. c. That Jamal Husseini and Emile Ghouri should represent Palestine at the forthcoming session of U.N.O. The Syrian President is pressing Ibn Saud to send the Emir Faisal as the Saudi representative. d. If, upon the withdrawal of the British on May 15th, no decision has been reached by U.N.O., an Arab Government should be set up in Palestine itself under the leadership of the MUFTI. <p>2. The decisions reported in (a) to (d) above are confirmed by our source POM, who adds the following:</p> <p>i. The MUFTI is now in great favor with the Syrian political leaders.</p> <p>ii. With reference to para i(d) above, President Baatish stated in conversations that Syria would give the fullest support to the MUFTI's Government."</p>			
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